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CURRENT COMMENTS

Good morning! Have you filed your oil claim on your own farm yet? No, but the other fellow has, and oil'll get him for that. Good evening!

The coming of cold weather emphasizes the necessity for constant care and watchfulness in the handling of heating apparatus and for the prevention of loss of life or property through fire. Authorities maintain that fully half of the fires in this country either are due to avoidable causes, or, if proper means of fighting fire had been provided beforehand could be put out before material damage is suffered. Prevention of fire is more important than protection from fire.

The more the Clearwater election case gets stirred up the dirtier it becomes. It reminds us of the couple who were up for vagrancy, and the man on being asked by the magistrate his age, replied with a peculiar nasal twang, "Dirty-one" (11); and turning to the wife asked what her age was, and she replied, "Dirty-two" (12). The magistrate told them they were a dirty lot, and sent them down for six months. The more one gets down to the Clearwater case, the more its become a "dirty lot."

In the circuit of St. Joseph, Michigan, Judge Bridgman sentenced four convicted prisoners to surgical operations in an effort to eliminate their criminal tendencies. He announces that hereafter he will see what the surgeon can do for a man before he sends him to the penitentiary. If the scheme takes on, Edmonton may see its penitentiary problem solved by that institution being turned into a hospital—or becoming empty—as it's safe betting that the offenders will be more in dread of the doctors than the warden of the penitentiary.

An Eminent Preacher Coming

On Sunday, Nov. 9th, Nanton is to be honored by the visit of one of the northwest stars in the person of Rev. J. C. Sycamore, pastor of the First Baptist church, Calgary. Mr. Sycamore is so well known to westerners that it is only necessary to mention his arrival for the crowd to follow him. His beautiful church and fine congregation is sufficient testimony to his worth. The church is seated for 1,500 people, and every Sabbath night from 300 to 500 people are obliged to be turned away from the doors from lack of accommodation.

The management of the Nanton Baptist church has been successful in securing Mr. Sycamore's services as a preacher for Nov. 9, and all desiring to avail themselves of the privilege of hearing him are invited to be in the church early on that date. Mrs. Ralph Walker will give solos at

these services.

On Monday, the 10th, there will be an opportunity to all interested to hear a lecture by Rev. C. C. McLaurin of Calgary "The Peace River Country." Mr. McLaurin is well known and his lectures are always well appreciated. He has recently returned from the Peace River where he officiated at the opening of two new Baptist churches in that district. His lecture is full of vital interest, and his knowledge being unable to secure conveyance he walked 90 miles to the nearest station. A musical programme will be given. Admission on Monday evening, 25 cents.

Money in Trapping

A. B. Shubert, Inc. Chicago, U.S.A., the largest house in the world dealing exclusively in American fur furs, in a letter to the editor says in part as follows:

Does the average farmer stop to consider the thousands and even millions of dollars that are paid out every year by the large fur houses for the skins of the "farm yard pests"? The mink, a menace to the chicken coop, the skunk, muskrat, weasel, and other fur-bearing animals, classed as "vermin," and considered a nuisance to the crops, all have their intrinsic value, and it would do well for many to forget the nuisance end of the story and look at the profit side.

The money picked up by the wise farmer boy in a season, to say nothing of the professional trapper reviewer, is something that would make a great many people sit up and take notice. Just a few years ago, it was hardly worth while to skin these animals and ship the fur, but since the supply of nearly every tur-bearing animal, with the possible exception of the skunk, has decreased at an alarming rate within the last few years, the prices have gone up accordingly, until now it is a highly profitable occupation during the winter months. Fifteen years ago 75 cents was a good value for a skunk, \$1 was considered a high quotation for a mink, and ten to fifteen cents was anyone ever expected for a muskrat. Compare these prices with the present day values—\$4 to \$5 for a black skunk, \$5 to \$10 for a prime mink, and 50 to 60 cents for spring muskrats taken on the average. Over 300 per cent, and in some cases 500 per cent, increase in value in a comparatively short length of time. Is it any wonder that the farmer boy finds it profitable to get out and trap the "vermin."

However, many a dollar is lost to the man who does not exercise good judgment and common sense in gathering his collection of furs. Many are graded low because the shipper did not have sense enough to leave his gun on the rack, and purchase a comparatively cheap steel trap. Many a shipper does not seem to realize that every time he shoots an animal he practically cuts the value of the fur in two. Trapping is easily the best in the long run.

The golden opportunity of the farmer boy to pick a neat little pile of money in his spare time this winter should not be overlooked, and the exercising of a little common horse sense will go a long ways towards determining the amount of his earnings

On Wednesday, the 22nd inst., at the hour of 3.30 p.m., the marriage took place of Rev. J. M. Fawcett of Staveland and Miss L. Retus Clapp of Edmonton, at the home of the bride's mother, 15 Wilson street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. Smith, assisted by Rev. W. A. Lewis, in the presence of only the intimate friends. The bride was becomingly attired in white embroidered marquisette over white silk, with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations; the bridesmaid, Miss Irene Clapp, wore white lace over blue silk, and carried pink carnations. Rev. S. Spencer Peat of Okotoks supported the groom. The bride was given away by her mother, Mrs. Clapp, who was dressed in black peau de seole. After the ceremony the wedding party partook of a dainty wedding breakfast. Among the gifts received was a set of furs, the groom's gift to the bride; a check from the firm of Emery, Ford, Bolton & Mount, where the bride had been employed during the past four and a half years; a gift of silverware from her fellow employees in the same office; checks from the groom's father; from the ladies' aid, Epworth league and Sunday school of the Norwood Methodist church, where she had faithfully labored for several years; the bride received many valuable and serviceable gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett left on Thursday morning for points south. After a brief stay in Calgary they will return to Staveland where they will reside. Mr. Fawcett being pastor of the Methodist church at that centre. Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett have the sincere good wishes of a host of friends in Edmonton and throughout the Alberta conference.—Edmonton Journal.

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Local News

The ladies' aid will meet at the parsonage on Thursday evening.

Mr. Watson of Edmonton is visiting at the home of Mr. Eagle, sham.

We are pleased to report that Miss McConkey is able to be around again, although in a somewhat weakened condition.

The work of bricking the new Wickens block is almost completed, which is a great improvement to our smart little town. No place of its size can beat it.

Mr. Barnes, who has been on a trip through the States during the past month or two, returned home last week. Rumor says that we are soon to lose this estimable family from Cayley.

The local lodges of the I.O.O.F. and Rebeckahs are planning to give a series of social evenings every alternate week during the winter months. Not a bad idea at all.

A jolly party of young people met at the home of Mr. Eagle, sham on Monday evening, at the invitation of Miss Eaglesham. It may be assumed that a very happy evening was spent, which came to an end all too soon.

Warren Brown (brother of Dr. A. O. Brown) and his young wife from Elgin county, Ont., arrived in Cayley last week end. It will be remembered that Warren was here some two years ago as assistant to Station Agent Allan. He intends now to qualify as a druggist, studying under the Dr.'s supervision.

Mr. A. G. Walker met with a very peculiar and painful accident the other day that came near having a very serious ending. Coming by the pig pens he noticed a loose board at the bottom and went to kick it in place, when he jabbed a projecting rusty nail into the thick part of his big toe, causing blood poisoning. He was rushed off immediately to the hospital at High River, where the dangerous symptoms were quickly reduced, and we understand that he is now out of danger. To be sure, he is not likely to kick off another board in a hurry.

Cayley is feeling the effects of the good harvest this year. There is a considerable amount of cash being circulated, and collections are, therefore, much easier.

There is no shortage of cars these days in Cayley. They are coming in—and going out, too—very rapidly. An enormous amount of grain is being handled here this season. Cayley is to the front this year alight.

On account of the thanksgiving services in the Cayley Methodist church on Sunday, Nov. 16th, the Presbyterians have decided to withdraw their service on that day. There will services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev Mr. Riddell, principal of Alberta College, Edmonton, will be the special preacher for the day. On the following Monday there will be a fowl supper and a concert in the evening.

Violated the Seed Control Act

The following firms in Alberta have recently been convicted of breaches of the Dominion Seed Control Act: Henry Wilson, Edmonton; J. R. Hamilton & Son, Edmonton; J. B. Griffith, Stettler; J. Gilliland, Stettler; R. A. Webster.

All the above convictions were for selling grain containing noxious seeds without indicating the presence of the same as required by Section 6 of the Seed Control Act. In addition, J. Gilliland & Bros. of Stettler were convicted of selling timothy seed containing more weed seeds than allowed under Section 9 of the Act.

It is the intention of the Dominion Department of Agriculture to strictly enforce the provisions of the Seed Control Act throughout the West, and all persons handling seed should see to it that such seed is sold in accordance with the Act.

A well equipped seed laboratory is at the service of all who desire to have seed tested. Copies of the Act and information as to the same may be obtained from the Dominion Branch, Calgary.

Miss Green wedded Mr. Brown. Their offspring is a little yellie!

W. H. Fernald's new separator was destroyed by fire last Friday night. Origin is a mystery.

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